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Status

1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 04 February 2004.

2a) This action is **FINAL**. 2b) This action is non-final.

3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4) Claim(s) 1-50 is/are pending in the application.
4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

5) Claim(s) 1-8, 15-18, 24-50 is/are allowed.

6) Claim(s) 9-14 and 19-23 is/are rejected.

7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.

8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

10) The drawing(s) filed on 04 February 2004 is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.

Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).

11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) All b) Some * c) None of:
1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
 Paper No(s)/Mail Date
4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
 Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____.
5) Notice of Informal Patent Application
6) Other: ____.

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

1. The following is a quotation of the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall contain a written description of the invention, and of the manner and process of making and using it, in such full, clear, concise, and exact terms as to enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and use the same and shall set forth the best mode contemplated by the inventor of carrying out his invention.

2. Claims 9-14 and 19-23 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101 because the claimed invention is not supported by either a specific and substantial asserted utility or a well-established utility.

The claims are directed to neither a process nor a machine. They represent a mixture of an apparatus and method.

3. Claims 9-14, 19-23 also rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph.

Specifically, since the claimed invention is not supported by either a specific and substantial well asserted utility or a well established utility for the reasons set forth above, one skilled in the art clearly would not know how to use the claimed invention.

4. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

5. Claims 9-14, 19-23 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Claims 9-14 and 19-23 are directed to neither a process nor a machine. They represent a mixture of an apparatus and method. Thus, the claims are improper and indefinite.

Allowable Subject Matter

6. Claims 1-8,15-18,24-50 are allowed.
7. The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter: Regarding claim 1, prior art fails to teach a method for evaluating accommodation amplitude in an eye of a person comprising the steps of subjecting said person to a near vision acuity test, said test comprising optotypes, determining a nearest point at which a person experience blurring, introducing a positive or minus lens and calculating the accommodation amplitude as claimed; Regarding claim 33, prior art fails to teach a method for evaluating accommodation amplitude in an eye of a person comprising the steps of subjecting said person to a near vision acuity test, said test comprising optotypes, fixing said target, introducing lenses, noting the dioptric power, and calculating said accommodation amplitude as claimed.

Regarding claim 24, prior art fails to teach an apparatus for evaluating accommodation amplitude comprising a holder, a track, a control piece, a lens positioner, where said apparatus being mounted at one end adjacent an eye of a person, said track being aligned with the line of sight for the said eye as claimed.

Conclusion

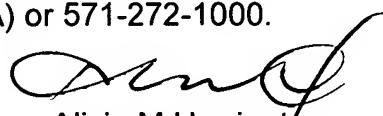
8. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

WH Glazer (US 2,523,007) discloses an ocular diagnostic instrument.

9. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Alicia M. Harrington whose telephone number is 571 272 2330. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday 9:00-5:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ricky Mack can be reached on 571 272 2333. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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